I would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. I'm a rural customer with no option of cable, high speed phone lines, or any other capable high speed data transmission. This merger would allow me to finally receive LOCAL television channels like the rest of the country so that I can watch the local news instead of news from a large city in another state. Add to that the ability to receive a fast, reliable, internet connection that would allow my family to connect to the rest of the world.

Please support this merger for the rural customers who have no other options. We are not worried about a monopoly because we are the customers and in the end we choose what we wish to pay for.